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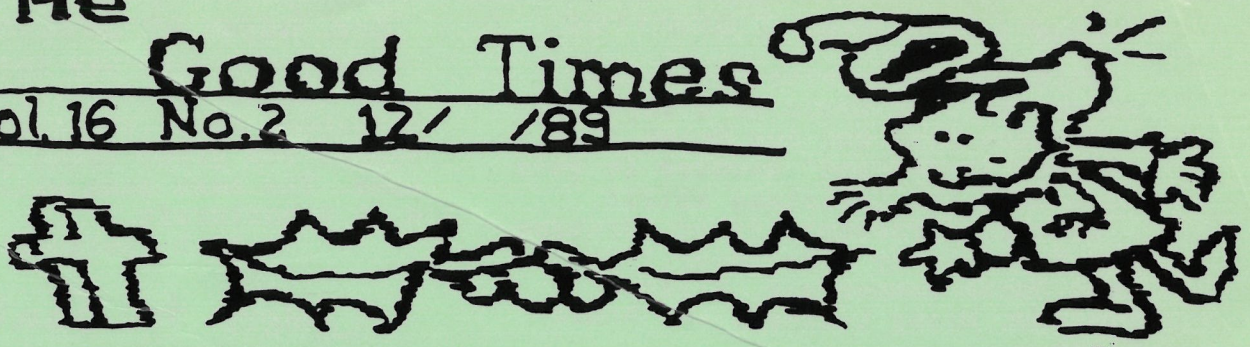

Our New Principal -Mrs.Shelton

Mrs. Shelton is our new principal. She was born in Waukegan, Illinois.

She is happily married and remembers as her fondest memory when on her tenth anniversary her husband said,"You're a fun person to live with." She has two children, both daughters. One is five and the other is sixteen months.

Our new principal has many degrees which include a bachelor's in music and English, a master's in education, psychology and administration.

She likes to backpack in the mountains with hr husband and goes camping with her family. She also likes to play the piano.

Her favorite animals are elephants. Mrs Shelton says her favorite food would be Reese's peanut butter cups. She is very interested in all subjects.

Mrs. Shelton would like to remain in education and administration. She hopes some day to write a books. Right now is she is copyrighting.

Our principal would like Paw PAw Middle School to be one of the best schools in the state. She thinks that all the teachers are "very talented" and that the students try very hard.

Mrs.Shelton believes ,"One person can change an entire group and one person can change the whole world."

by e.mount

Ian,Sarah and Steph tell Santa what they want...

CANNED GOODS DO GOOD

Thanks to the people in the Paw Paw Public Schols that helped raise all the canned goods and money, the needy people in our area won't go without food this holoday season.

The Boy Scouts picked up the food last WEdnesday and made baskets. They got a list of all the needy and gave the baskets to them.

The high school donated money. They made a chain. If you wanted a piece of the chain , you had to donate money.

The middle school student council collected canned goods by homeroom.

t.darling

Merry Christmas to all.
Hope you had a good fall.
Now it's winter.
On Christmas there's no school.
Have a merry Christmas you hear?
And a happy new year.

by r.ritter

Hohoho!

Your Christmas Favorites

This month favorite Christmas songs were the topic of a survey.

Jessica Read and Amy Brown like "Winter Wonderland" because it gets them into the Christmas spirit.

Bernard Varnesdeel likes "Grandma got Run over by a Reindeer." So does Sarah Sommerfelt, Ellen Powless, Missy Leathers and Annie Clark.

Lisa Marr'S favorite Christmas music is "Twas the Night Before Christmas" because it reminds her of her neighbor's little brother.

Mandy Wright and Scott Pickett like "White Christmas" because they really enjoy snow.

Mike Major , Angel Roberts, Holly Martin and Amanda Marcelletti all like "Silent Night."

"We Wish you a Merry Christmas" is favorite for Andy Weaver and Chad McCormick. They agree it's a good song.

Lori Barr's favorite Christmas song is "Jingle Bell Rock."

Katie Markovich and Angela Mihelich like "White Christmas ."

j.r. and r.n.

SEASON'S BOUNCING

Boys' basketball practice is underway.The season opened Wednesday with Galesburg and yesterday with Coloma.

The 7th grade team consists of the following people: Kenneth Anderson, Michael Bagnoud, Jason Bolinger, Gary Brown, Michael Carr, Phillip Coffinger, JAson CRump, Michael DeGraaf, Matthew Dundon, Brett Flanders, Mark Hamre, Andrew Hanson, Robert Kracker, Jeffrey Mansberger, Jason Maxwell, Jason Meyer, Joe Pasterik, Brian Paul, Bradley Piecyk, and Nathaniel Pursley.

The 8th graders are Brad Belkoski, Greg Blackburn, Paul Blakely, Jeff Buentello, Shawn Coffman, Chris Coyer,Mike ERickson, Travis Ernestes, Tom Farrow, Ryan Flesher, Jim Hamay, Matt Kovach, Dan McNeil, Rick Merrill, Chris Pryor, Chris Root, Josh Smith, Brad Spartz, Eric Sutherland, Justin Tapper, Matt White, Matt Williams and Jake Zachrich.

3rd Game of Season ... Jan. 4

The first game was December 20 with the 8th grade playing Galesburg here .YEsterday both 7thand 8th grade teams played at home. The next game will be January 4 at Schoolcraft.

by b..belkoski

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

How's the wife? I have a suggestion. Want to hear it? Well even if you don't, you're going to hear it. Here goes.

I know how far you have to go and how tired the reindeer get so why not do shifts? Dancer and Prancer can do Russia, Donner and Blitzen can do Asia and Dasher and Cupid can do the US of A. The other two can pick up the slack in the little islands.

So what do you think? I think it would get everything done quicker because you'D have rested-up unused reindeer.

Hope you enjoyed my letter.

Your friend,
Beth

Dear Santa,

I have been a nice boy this year and have been doing excellent in school. I have been nice to my friendsand exceptionally nice to my teachers. This year I would like a B-7 advance tactical bomber with standard fueltanks, loaded wih 10 HARM missiles, 25 stinger air mine rockets. 10 ALCM and 2 -10 megaton thermal nuclear gravity bombs. I also think I deserve 30 mobile ICBM silos for my backyard playground. For some stocking stuffers I would like five antipersonnel grenades,a .44 desert eagle with 5extra clips and finally an AK-47 with five extended clips. I hope you think I deserve at least this much if not more.

Yours truly,

Mattress

WINNING'S NOT THE ONLY THING

School sports can sometimes be a little aggressive. They're good in some ways in that you learn what competition is like and you meet new people from other schools. But some coaches and some atheletes take sports way too seriously. They think that winning is the only thing when it's not. You play your hardest and best. If you win, that' s great. If you don't there's always another game.

e.m.

Christmas DANCE HELD

Ryan Flesher and Annie Clark were crowned 8th grade king and queen at Friday night's dance. 7th grade royalty were Marc Hamre and Cathy Griffiths. Dave Clark and Kelly Barr were the 6th grade king and queen.

Chris Brill and Micha Billings were the d.j.'s who played really good music.

The dance was held in the gym at 7 o'clock Dec. 15.

by b.geldernick

HOW TO EAT A BLOW POP

You take the money out of your pocket and buy at least four bags of blow pops. Then you go home and very carefully study your blow pop The size , the texture,and sugar contentare very important in eating a blow pop.

Next you take the wrapper off the blow pop. The most flavorful color is red because red has been clinically proven to help start tarter.

Well, anyways the next step to the eating of a blow pop is to insert the blow pop into your mouth cavity and start to melt the blow pop with the heat of your mouth. AS it starts to melt you get a sensation you've never had before. Your adrenalin starts to flow and you want more. This is where the four bags come in.

Just for safety purposes only stick two of blow pops in your mouth at a time. See, if you gag, you won't die as quickly as if you had tried to eat three bags or four. You will now, (are you ready?) throw the sticks in the garbage.

And there you have it...how to eat a blow pop. Children over 30 should not try this at home.

b.b.

DEAR SAM,

Dear Sam,

I told my mom that I need plastic surgery because everyone at school teases me about my zits. What should Ido?

signed
Expensive Future

Dear EX,

Tell your mom to buy you new improved OXy.

Dear Sam,

My parents have been on my case about doing the dishes, folding the laundry, playing my guiter too loud. They tell me to get off the phone cause I talk too much. How do I get them off my back?

Distressed teen

Dear Distressed,

The best way to get them off your back is to do the dishes, fold the laundry, don't play your guitar at all and stay off the telephone.

Mrs. Swanson's 1st hour English classes and a few from other sections. Special mentions go to the following: Theresa Cabras, Shawna Stevens, Melissa Tarver, Terri Darling, Bill Geldernick, Ryan Flesher, Ellen Powless, Nate Billings, Erica Mounts, Renae Nardielle, Jess Read, Tara Schaefer,Ian Ridderbos, Brad Belskoski, Craig Olsen,Randy Gay,Katie Casanto,and Bonnie McNally.

Pageant Plays for Us Today

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" was on the road this week and last touring several schools and finishing here this afternoon.

The play is abot the worst kids in the whole history of the world. A kid from the church told these kids about the Sunday school and the refreshments so of course all of them showed up, just in time to be in the Christmas pageant. Imogene Herdman volunteers to be Mary. No one else raised her hand because they were all afraid of her. All the other main parts went to Herdman kids too for the same reason.

The church ladies were very angry.. Mrs. Bradley who hadn'teven wanted to be in charge was sure it would be horrible but in the end Imogene and everyone else found the true meaning of Christmas through this pageant.

e.m.

Cast of Dozens

The cast for the play included the following people: Robert Wilder, Jenny BErgeson, Beth WArner, Matt Jewett, Kevin Taylor, HEather Dudycha, Yalin Krause, Missy Osborne, Katie Vogel, Steve Ambs, Jon Shaner, Jonathan Hughes, Colette STevenson, Kylee Kalisiak, Brett Schrier, Matt Chase, Andy Baker, Amanda Pyard, Jessica Silber, Mindy Zimmer, DEbbie Stoner, SArah Marks, Lauren Hentschell, Emily Miller. Shannon Dudycha, Stephanie Bean, Erica Mount, Ginny Rushing, Beth Chase, Kelly VanLaar, Tamara Hoffman, Anna CAbras, Gina Borello, Megan FArrell, Marni Ketchum, Darcy Dorr, Jamie Penn, Danielle Ketchum, Renee Garnaat, Angela Imbordino, Jessica Imbordino, Elizabeth Whitledge, Scott Brooks, and Katie Hughes.

e.m/t.c.

How to Decorate a Tree

Okay now . Pay very close attention. This is complicated. Step one. Go out like an average person would and pick out a beautiful tree. Then you get to pay for this tree. What a great deal.

Load this proud tree onto your vehicle and haul it home. If you have kids, let them in on the fun. If not, use your pets.

Now you're ready to whip out the decorations. Let someone experienced do the job. The decorations are very importantto the protection of the tree. The angel on top protects the whole tree from going bald.

Next you want the lights. IF you're the type of person who enjoys the holidays, put 24 sets on the tree. This way if you get up in the middle of the night you'll be able to see yor way around. Maybe.

Last and most important things. Plug it in. If you don't, you're not in for a pretty sight. Now when you get settled in, make sure you check the safety. Always keep water in the tree so it doesn't prune on you.

Always set out cookies for ST. Nicholas or he will have a collapse before he gets away from your chimney. And if that should happen, no more G.I. Joe or Barbie. That's about it. So long.

b.belkoski

500 Club Records

This year's 500 club members include Arrow Huff(611), Ben Jack (550),Ryan Flesher(539),Chris Coyer(512), Tim Brown,(512) and Chris Pryor (501).

New records were set by Leora Dillenbeck and Ellen Powless who tied at 8.8. seconds in the 30ft.shuttle. Leora also set a new record in the vertical jump with 26 inches.

The high scorers for 7th grade were Chad McCormick (498) and Sarah Linderman(365) . Arrow Huff at 611 and Leora Dillenbeck at 456 were the top scorers for the 8th grade.

Arrow also set a new record in the 500 club by scoring 611. This is the highest score ever recorded in the middle school' history.

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500 Club continued

The 500 club is a series of six tests: chin-ups, bar-dips, vertical jumps, standing long jump, 30ft. shuttle and the obstacle run. The series of tests is designed to test your speed, agility, strength, endurance and explosiveness.

r.flesher

VISIONS of FIELD TRIPS DANCED...

Planning ahead, as we all like to do, the eighth graders on the news staff wanted to talk about a field trip- like last year's to Chicago.

This is what they discovered in talking to classmates.

Craig Olsen and Missy Tarver would like to visit an Air Force Base while Sarah Reinoehl wants to shop in Chicago. Rae Ellen MacNeill thought shopping there sounded good too. Casey Beck thinks the Museum of Science and Industry would be interesting and Ginna Roe who has already been there would like to go back. Betty Ann Stanfill would like to see a museum. Terri Darling also thinks the science museum in Chicago would be good. Also thinking "museum" was Shauna Stevens who would like to see the one in Lansing.

Veering far away from the usual in field trips REnae Davis would like to go to Australia. She'd like the scenery she says. Beth Emmons wants to visit Niagara Falls . "It's one of the seven wonders of the world." Mike Newell wants to see Toronto and Emily Hughes would go to Japan. "It woul be nice to see all their customs and learn their language."

Tammy Page would head for Boston again. Rick Merrill thinks a field trip to Brazil is a good idea. Christian Carlsen would take us all to "The Bahamas." Tim Brown would like to see "the pro football hall of fame."

"Epcot Center" appeals to Mike ERickson. He'd like to see "futuristic vehicles." Candy Anders would like to "go to California. We could go like from Thursday to Saturday and we could spend the day at the beach." Doug Hinton would go to a rock concert. He's a music lover.

HEather Wellington would also want to see Australia. She "loves the accent." Sharon Buras wants to go skiing. Chris Johnson would join Christian heading for Hawaii.

Brad Belkoski's field trip would be "home." Ryan Flesher would prefer to see "some place new to the area. I'Ve been to just about every other place in the area that is over about a year old."

Jaime Sala also thinks Hawaii would be great- "tropical weather, clear blue water and to see dolphins." Darcy Madgyesi would go to Florida " to see Disneyworld."

Amusement parks ranked really high on most lists. Ron Richmond, Renae Nardielle, Mike Mihelich, Mandy Wright, Brandon Vloch, Jacob Zachrich, Eric Sutherland, T.J.ERnstes, Greg Blackburn, Paul Blakeley, Marcy Leathers, Pete Anderson, Justin Noble, Teresa Boven, NAthan Lutz, Danyelle Winkleman, Eli Overacker, Isaac Rzonca and Jess Read among many not listed here all wanted to go CEDAR POINT. It in fact was the most popular suggestion made by nearly half the eighth grade.

Other amusement parks included Great America, a favorite for Rhonda Kracker, Jenny Richter, and Kenny Kocher. Pleasure Island appeals to Tim Kneller.

R.C. UPDATE

We just thought you might want to that Rider's has moved to a new location and that location is 4415 South Westnedge or the former High Wheeler location. It's bigger and badder with a new indoor track for all you car buffs. It is supposedly to be finished by January 1990.

They also have a new line-up of R/C airplane kits. If you want to know more, call em up at 349-2666.

rg/co

OUTSIDE...

My feet trample over twigs and leaves as I walk along the well-worn path.

I pull my thin jacket up higher for a breeze has begun to blow in the already cool evening.

I look up and see bare trees with no leaves,

The sun has been covered by gray clouds.

Just as I'm about to turn and go back in the house and build a glowing fire and drink something hot,

My gaze falls on something round,

kind of large and up in a tree.

It'S a nest, a squirrel nest.

I imagine they're all snuggled up against their mother dreaming things

little squirrels dream of acorns

running through the pumpkin patch,

Swimming in a neighbor's bird bath.

How content they must be-

Satisfied with the world.

But then again they've never seen a car or a stream of traffic.

Never been a forest fire, or watch how it spreads , from tree to tree.

Never had to run for its life.

Instead it curls up with its brothers and sisters and feels its mother's heart beat.

The wind begins to blow chilly again as I hurry my steps toward home.

I can imagine it, the warm fire's glow, the old lantern

shedding, light to even the darkest and farthest corner.

But I go home to no one

So I imagine I'm a squirrel and I sleep tight.

e.p.

ULTIMA ... A Continuing Saga

It was 2:00 on a Monday afternoon and Ultima was at the bank cashing his Super Hero check. Suddenly he heard his best friend, Doug McKEnzie screaming, "Take off, you hoser."

Ultima ran outside and saw his friend lying on the ground shot in the arm with a Gotcha gun. Doug told Ultima thasat the mob shot him for spitting on their brand-new white Porsche. Ultima says,"We need to make this town safe for spitting on cars."

Ultima hopped in his Crook Catchin Car and pulled into traffic. Unfortunately for Ultima there was a red light so he pulled out his Handy -Dandy REd Light Change and proceeds. He then shoots a bug on the chrome of the Porsche and pulls over on the side of the road for a pop break. (Don'T worry -he knows when to say when.)

After he finished with his badly-needed pop break he followed the beeps on the radar to an abandoned factory. This looked like a pretty big job so he called on his properly pumped-up Austrian body-building friends Hans and Franz.

"I am Hans."

"And I am Franz."

"And we want to pump(clap) you up."

"Hi guys," Ultima said, "Can you smash that wall down for me."

"We will pummel it like an ant under an elephant's foot !" Hans said.

"Ja," Franz said.

But before they crushed the wall they spray-painted, "Girly man" on the Porsche parked outside. (That should teach 'em.) When they walked through the open wall they saw rat-walks and big shafts going outside and into different rooms.

Suddenly a big electrified cage fell over the trio. (Obviously the mob knew they were there.) We shall see now Ultima turns out in the next journal. Stay tuned, same bat time...same bat channel...

by Ultima

Only 3 Shopping Days left to Christmas!

Christmas Chord Concert

The show choir concert was a great success last Thursday in the middle school auditorium.

Both the middle school and the high school show choirs performed along with the 7th and 8th grade choir classes.

The middle school show choir did "The Fat Man is coming". Show choir members are Stephanie Bean, Heather Dudycha, Shannon Dudycha, Shawna Gates, Amie Johnson, Darcy Jones, Missy Leathers.

Marcy Leathers, Jaime Sala, Pam Skandis, Andrea Sullivan, Heather Wellington, Angela Wellington, Debbi Barr, Kristi Boff, Gina Borello, Christine deBaptiste, Tina Lewis, Jeff Mansburger, Lisa Marr, Jason Maxwell, Amanda Pritts, Sarita Rickli, Brennan Sang, Colette STevenson, Debbie Stoner, Lindsey Thompson, Kathy Truppa, and Shanda Vloch.

Other music performed included "Carol of the Drums", "Sing Noel", "Christmas in the Tropics", "Sing sing", "Celebrate the King", "The Peace", "The Christmas Song", "Winter Wonderland", "Little Lamb", "Shine Down", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", "Shout", "Merry Christmas with Love", and the whole group did "Peace Peace".

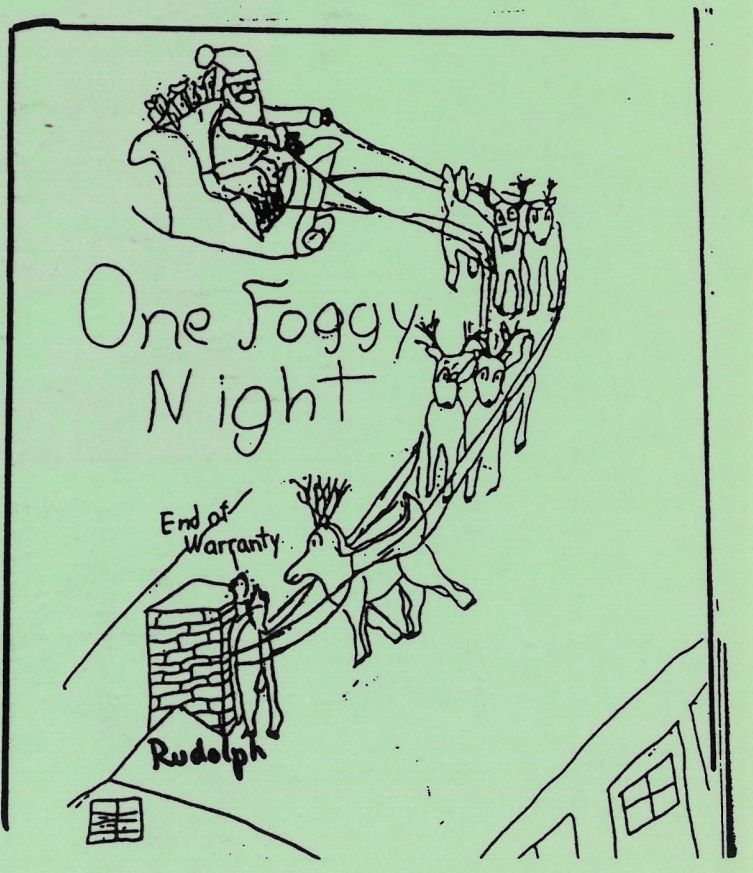
ACcompanists were Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Helland, Michele Wray and Darcy Jones and Mrs. Mansberger.

s.s./m.t.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Drop outs should notbe allowed to have driver's licenses. This would inspire young adults to stay in school. There may be also less drunk drivers on the roads. It would encourage people to stay in school and to do their best. That way we all win- with better educated people the result.

Drop outs should be allowed to have driver's licenses. They would otherwise have no way to get to work. They may not be able to hold a job if they have no transportation. They may drive illegally and then get tickets. They might even end up in jail and that would swell the jail population.



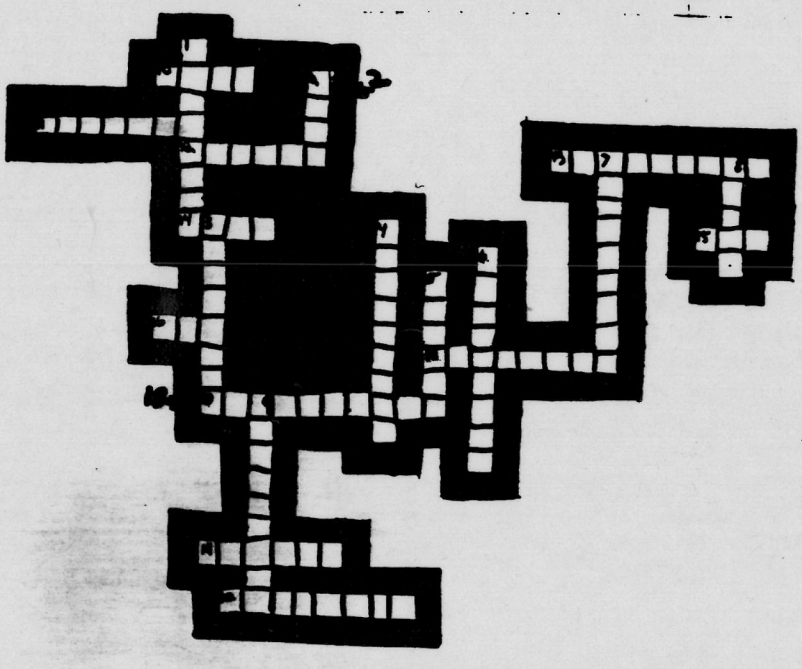
CHRISTMAS WORD FIND

Down

1	another word for gifts	presents
2	speed at which kids open gifts	fast
3	1st Day of ~~January~~ the 1st Month	New Years
4	December 25th	christmas
5	they're on a Christmas tree	lights
6	symbolizes a kiss	mistletoe
7	found on a christmas tree	ornaments
8	a christmas color	green
9	where Santa lives	North pole

across

10.	usually decorated as a christmas symbol	tree
11.	a food. some contain chocolate or oatmeal	cookies
12.	last Year he saved Christmas	Ernest
13.	are hung with care	stockings
14	falls from the sky when cold outside	snow
15	a christmas color	red
16.	____ is frozen water	ice
17	Happy ____	Holidays
18	St. Nicholas	Santa Claus
19	____ the Snowman	Frosty
20	8 of these pull a famous sleigh	reindeer



R.F.